CIA Linked to Plot to Kill Castro

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HAVANA, March 5 (AP) Two former Cuban army majors were accused today of plotting to assassinate Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

A government communique charged the pair planned the assassination with agents of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in Madrid, Spain, and with Manuel Artime, Cuban exile leader, and a figure in the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion attempt.

The two majors, arrested last Monday, are Rolando Cubelas Secades, an important figure in the Castro revolution, and Roman Guin Diaz. The communique said five other alleged conspirators were arrested Feb. 26.

The communique charged that Cubelas planned to shoot Castro with a high-powered telescopic rifle and later share in the top posts under a counter-revolutionary regime withArtime.

Another key figure in the alleged assassination plot was Odon Alvarez de la Campa, counsellor in the Cuban Embassy in Madrid, who defected in March 1965, the government statement said.

Artime and Cubelas hatched their plans in February 1965, but the Dominican civil war and other problems delayed the assassination attempt, the government charged.

According to the communique this is what Cuban security agents discovered in their investigation of the case early this year:

Cubelas, a youthful doctor, visited Europe in 1964 to attend a student conference and in November went to Paris where he contacted Luis Enrique Traeanco and Carlos Tepedino, who allegedly worked for the CIA and put Cubelas in contact with Paris CIA agents.

Jose Luis Gonzalez Gallarreta, who worked with Alvarez in the Cuban Embassy in Madrid, and Alvarez established contact with Madrid CIA agents Hernan Enriquez and Agustin Alvarez Machado. An interview was arranged between Alvarez de la Campa and Gallarreta with "an important Yankee CIA official, James (Jimmy) Noel, who was an official of the American Embassy in Spain." Noel allegedly gave $100,000 to Alvarez de la Campa and Gallarreta.

Alvarez de la Campa subsequently defected and Gallarreta came into contact with Jorge Robreno and Alberto Blanco Romariz, Cuban residents in Madrid. They arranged meetings between Cubelas and Artime in February 1965.

"During this interview Cubelas and Artime discussed concrete details of the plan to assassinate the Prime Minister and the steps to be taken afterward. They both discussed the roles they would follow subsequently in the country," the communique said.

Portguese Kill 52

LISBON, March 5 (AP) Fifty-two rebels were killed by Portuguese armed forces in the West African territory of Guinea in the last week of February, a Portuguese communique said today. One Portuguese soldier was reported killed in the same period.